

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 3:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of Application No. 08/436,830 filed May 8, 1995, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 26 with the following:

In accordance with the present invention, this objective is achieved in an object-oriented computing environment by storing information relating to objects in a data file, and manipulating the information in the data file through a suitable user interface. The interface permits a user to completely redesign the program structure by adding or removing parents of an object through simple actions such as menu commands or drag and drop operations. In addition, the precedence of parents in a heterarchy can be reordered, again through a drag and drop operation. Furthermore, layers can be added to ~~a deleted form or deleted from~~, the program structure. For example, a new parent can be spliced between an existing parent and its children. Properties and handlers can be moved to appropriate levels of the program structure through simple operations, and the user can be provided with choices to make appropriate functionality changes to individual objects, as desired.